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From Malcolm Back: We are holding a special session of the Newfoundland Study Group at this year's ORAPEX in Ottawa. For the 2024 show, the theme is **Marcophily/ Postmarks**.

Blair Ashford will be presenting on the topic:

“New” Newfoundland Registration Cancels: Hiding in Plain Sight”

ORAPEX 2024: May 4, 10am-6pm, May 5, 10am-4pm, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa Ontario K2G 1W2

The meeting is on Sunday May 5, at 1:00PM, in Room D.

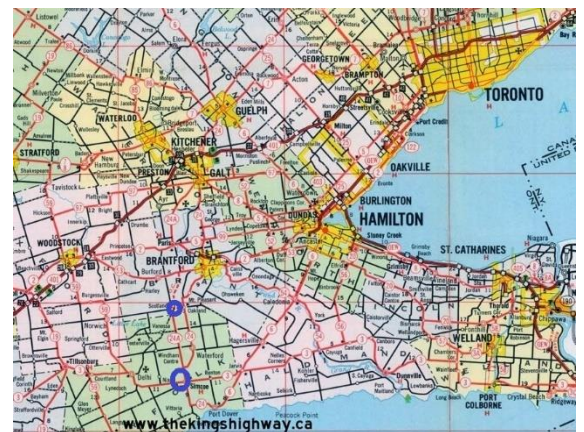
From Blair Ashford: I have a quick response for Earl Noss: probably every stamp of 91 has a unique flaw or dot.

A bit longer of a response: The whole set (Sc 87-97) was lithographed and done to a relatively poor standard. Boggs states that the 1 cent to 5 cent stamps were plated. I have plated 87 and have started plating 88 (which is harder to get large pieces). For 87, there are two sheets - a left and a right sheet - both being 100 stamps. In 87, the most well known are the NFW, Jamrs, and One'Cent. However, I was able to find only one stamp that does not have any dots, scratches, or blobs - so the true rarity is a 'nice' stamp. Indeed, the NFW/Jamrs are some of the more plain varieties - some of the right hand sheet have spectacular marks on the "1" in the tablets. But I have also found that since the stamps are lithographed, that some of the blobs are due to the printing, and not just the plate, so you do need a fair bit of duplication to determine if it really is a consistent flaw, or a printing flaw.

Cheers,
Blair



From Earl Noss: Here is a Newfoundland cover with a couple of Newfoundland Sc104 stamps on it. Why I bought this cover on eBay was that it was from Newfoundland to Scotland Ontario. Scotland Ontario is only a village, and even today there are only 575 people living there. It is about a 15 min. drive from Simcoe where I live. I attach a map to show you where it is located.



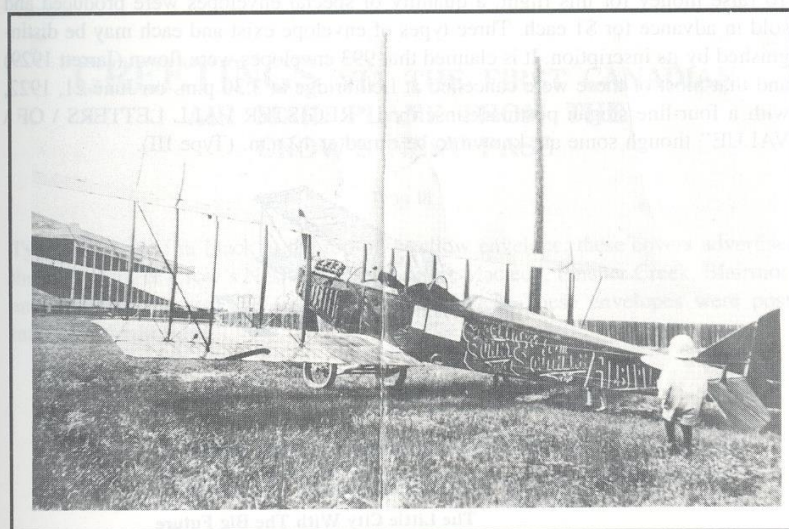
Another cover from Earl Noss: Here is a cover I purchased on eBay. It looks like the first 3-cent stamp is a different colour and is not cancelled. I believe Roessler added this after the cover was sent back to him, although the other stamps were cancelled for the flight.



A. C. Roessler the sender of this cover was a big Stamp dealer in New Jersey USA. He would send stamps & envelopes to post offices all over. The post offices would fly the covers & cancel them. And then they would send them back to Roessler and he would sell them to collectors.

This cover would not have been sent to St. John's Newfoundland as it was not cancelled on the back. The plane was damaged & was unable to make the flight. It would have

been sent back to Roessler cancelled on the front stamps. Other covers that were cancelled on the back were sent by boat to St. John's. This is a pioneer flight showing in my book, *The Pioneer and Semi-Official Air Mails Of Canada 1918-1934* on pages 36 & 37 which I sent. Any thoughts would be appreciated.



Photograph of the Curtiss JN-4 *Lethbridge* taken at the racecourse on 18 June 1922.

Chris Hargreaves sent the following to Earl in response to his inquiry.

Halifax, Nova Scotia -St John's, Newfoundland January 20th 1922

Research by Alec Globe

WWI Captains Laurie E. De Vere Stevens and Lieutenant I. Logan Barnhill had formed Eastern Canada Air Lines, Ltd., in 1920 at Truro NS through an amalgamation of De Vere Aviation Co., which they created, and Prince Edward Island Aerial Transport Co. Ltd. Because they were interested in all aspects of flight in the area, they would have heard about the flight planned by Captain Bennett from St John's Newfoundland to Halifax on December 10, 1921. Covers required 35¢ postage. That trip was postponed, then eventually abandoned. It made sense for Stevens and Barnhill to promote air travel to Newfoundland, just as they had earlier initiated flights to Prince Edward Island in September 1919. The pilots planned an 883-km (477-mile) flight from Halifax to St John's Newfoundland. The distance over open water was heroic, considering the primitive planes involved.

Halifax, NovaScotia -St John’s, Newfoundland January 20th1922

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A seven-line cachet was produced for the trip and covers were franked with 34cents of handsome Admiral stamps. Tragically, their CurtisJN-4G-CAAV, transferred from Devere Aviation, crashed. Eastern Canada Airlines was out of business by 1924, when G-CAAV was scrapped.



Figure 1 : 34¢ postage, illegible postmark FIRSTAIRMAIL HALIFAX TO ST. JOHN’S JANUARY1922cachet Backstamped

These covers all have A.C. Roessler’s return New Jersey address sticker in the upper left, though is largely obscured in Figure 2. The covers were franked 30 cents, 31 cents and 34 cents. – There are no Postage Due stamps correcting the insufficient franking on the under franked covers, and they all lack Post Office date stamps. There are untraceable rumours that the cachet was circulating in the east after its January 1922 use in Halifax. Longworth-Dames comments in his Pioneer and Semi-official Air Mails of Canada 1918-1934 that some covers for this flight have the 5¢ violet and 10¢ blue Admirals issued in February 1922, the 2¢yellow green issued in April 1922, or the 1¢orange yellow issued in June 1922. The irregularities condemn these concoctions as Roessler fakes produced for unsuspecting air mail fanciers. (CA. Editor’s note: covers produced for the 1922Halifax St. John flight were not included in Section 1-Pioneer flights-of AMCN1, but will be included in AMCN2 as PF-26A. Full descriptions of the covers examined by Alec will be included in his book Speedy Delivery: The Development Of Airmail In Canada To 1934 that is being published by the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation.)



Figure 2: franked 34 cents: stamps are cancelled with the flight cachet but no postmarks or backstamp.

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Also see the BNAPS website for:**Pioneer Mail Flights, the Semi-Official Air Post, and Canada's Air Mail Development, 1918-1934**

Alec Globe

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Alec Globe was a Professor of English and Comparative Literature at the University of British Columbia from 1970 to 2008. In 2009, he was researching a lavishly illustrated book by nineteenth-century Canadian writer Catharine Parr Traill and came across a wrapper enclosing printer's proofs, franked with a single 2¢ Large Queen postage stamp. The beauty of the design and quality of the engraving had him instantly hooked. After exploring a number of areas, he settled on three areas where fine material was available — two-ring stamp obliterators, Railroad Post Offices of the nineteenth century, and — the subject of this book — air mail in the early twentieth century.

From Chris Hargreaves: The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society is offering a free one year membership to new members who receive its quarterly journal *The Canadian Aerophilatelist* electronically: people just have to send their address to canadianairmail@gmail.com to join.

From Grégoire Teyssier:

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